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**ESA Research Network 4. Sociology of Children and Childhood
Mid-term Symposium**

May 21-23, 2014

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy

Call for Papers

Sociology of Childhood – Theorising Childhood: Citizenship, Rights, Participation

The Research Network, Sociology of Children and Childhood hereby announces the mid-term symposium which will take place in Modena (Italy) from 21st to 23rd May, 2014. The organisation of the symposium will be undertaken at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

The focus of the symposium will be on **theorising childhood, in particular the areas of citizenship, rights and participation**, exploring the different and various perspectives that can include these topics in the broader field of childhood studies and Sociology.

This symposium follows, continues and articulates the ideas developed during the symposium in Jyväskylä (Finland) in 2012. The objective of this symposium is to invite theorising in the wide variety of contexts of citizenship, rights and participation, approaching the social studies of childhood in terms of children's actions, children's competences and children's viewpoints and perspectives.

The first day of the symposium (21st of May) will be dedicated to a public conference, with the participation of the following keynote speakers:

Hanne Warming (University of Roskilde, Denmark), on children's global citizenship

Karl Hanson (Kurt Bösch Institute, Sion), on children's rights

Michal Wyness (University of Warwick) on children's participation

Maria Herczog (chair at Family, Child and Youth, Reader at Eszterházy Károly College, member of the UN CRC Committee) on promotion of children's rights and participation

The second and third days of the symposium will be dedicated to paper sessions. Although the focus of the first day of the symposium is around theorising childhood citizenship, rights and participation, the call general Call for Papers is **open to core theoretical areas of the sociology of childhood**.

We therefore invite experienced and young researchers from various disciplines sensitive to the sociology of childhood to participate. Although presentations and discussions will mainly revolve around theorising, participants are welcome to discuss theoretical implications for interdisciplinary work on childhood. Presentations can be related to the following areas:

1. Classical sociological theories and new directions in sociological theories of childhood
2. The concepts of temporality and spatiality in theorising childhood
3. Theorisations of cultural identity and (global) citizenship applied to children
4. Theories of rights, inequalities and injustices in childhood
5. Theories of children's participation in institutional and informal contexts
6. Theorisations around gender and ethnicity applied to children
7. The role of theory in interdisciplinary work on childhood

There will be no conference fees. The number of delegates will be restricted to 30 to enable discussion. The papers will be selected according to relevance to the areas of the symposium.

Instructions

The abstracts must be written in English in no more than 400 words, and include 3-5 keywords. Please submit your abstract and full contact details as electronic files **no later than the 15th February 2014**. Send the abstract to Tom Cockburn (t.d.cockburn@bradford.ac.uk). The deadline for notification for abstracts is 15st March 2014.

For further details on the symposium please contact Tom Cockburn (t.d.cockburn@bradford.ac.uk) on +44 1274 233517.

Call for Papers

for the Interim Meeting

**of the Research Network “Sociology of families and intimate lives” (RN13),
European Sociological Association (ESA)**

FAMILY: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

25-27 September, 2014

at Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania

The Research Network “Sociology of families and intimate lives” (RN13) of the European Sociological Association (ESA) invites you to the Interim Meeting “Family: continuity and change” to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 25-27 September, 2014.

Numerous sociological studies conducted during the last decades have revealed an increased diversity and de-standardization of family forms and configurations, family formation patterns and inter-relations among its members. These changes are so evident and dramatic, that occasionally even the question has been raised whether family as a social institution still exists. Until today in many European countries we observe ongoing trends, e.g. of decreasing marriage and / or birth rates, of increasing divorces and remarriages, of postponement of family formation to later stages in the life course.

At the same time researchers observe continuity and, especially in Northern Europe, even trends’ reversals. Traditional patterns of the division of paid and unpaid work within couples, for example, are visible everywhere, even if on gradually more subtle levels. The desire to live in a stable partnership and the motivation to have children remain high. The family still is considered one of the most important values and life spheres.

Continuity and change – we find both at the same time. So, questions arise: how much continuity do we observe? Where do we observe change and why? How can the observed change / continuity be explained at a global, social group or individual level? How can we explain asynchrony of developments between the European countries / regions? How can and should we identify and measure the change / continuity? Are we over- or under- estimating the degree of change due to a lack of appropriate methods?

The organizers of the Interim Meeting 2014 “Family: continuity and change” invite you to submit abstracts focusing on one of the following issues:

- . Theoretical concepts in studying families
- . Family value as an institution
- . Family forms and configurations
- . Structure and/or functions of family social networks
- . Roles and biographies
- . Family research methods

A special PhD session will be held at the meeting. The best PhD paper will be awarded by the prize.

Each proposal should include:

- A. Title of the paper
- B. First name and surname of author(s), email, institutional affiliation.
- C. Extended summary of the content (1500 words), including:
 - 1. a description of the theoretical framework
 - 2. the research hypotheses
 - 3. a description of the data and the research methods
 - 4. most important findings
 - 5. conclusions / discussion
 - 6. list of references (10 maximum)
- D. Keywords: up to five keywords describing the main contributions of the paper.
- E. PhD students should additionally indicate in the abstract: (1) the relevance of the issue discussed; (2) the stage of the research carried out.

All abstracts should be completed in English. Individuals may submit a maximum of two abstracts but should not be the first author of more than one paper.

Each paper will be given 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentations, 10 minutes for discussion). Parallel sessions will not be conducted therefore maximum 30 papers for oral presentation and 8 papers of PhD students will be accepted for the conference.

The papers will be selected after a reviewing process. Accepted papers exceeding the scheduled number of oral presentations will have the opportunity to be displayed as a poster.

Abstract submission via website: <http://ESA-RN13im2014.mruni.eu>

Deadlines:

- 1) Abstracts are welcome until **February 25th, 2014**.
- 2) Authors will be informed about the acceptance of their papers on **May 1st, 2014**.
- 3) Final program of the conference will be announced on **June 30th, 2014**.

The conference organizers cannot pay for travel and accommodation expenses, however attendance is free of charge and beverage will be provided in coffee breaks.

The organizers of the conference will look for possibilities for publishing selected papers in an edited book or a special issue of a journal after a reviewing process and agreement of authors.

For more information: ESARN13.im2014@mruni.eu

Local organizers

Vida Kanopiene and Vida Cesnūtyte
 MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY, Vilnius (Lithuania)

**Belfast, Northern Ireland, 3-5 September 2014 ESA Sociology of Religion Research Network
ESA Research Network 34 – Sociology of Religion**

Call for papers – Mid-term Conference | Religion in the Public Domain

In long-standing theories about secularization it is generally held that the social and public significance of religion has declined in most Western countries. Religion is conceived as privatized, individualized and de-institutionalized. But has religion truly become a privatized phenomenon? Increasingly, it is argued in academia that the separation between state and church in Western countries is less stable than assumed: state policy is often biased towards particular religious traditions while even the French installment of *laïcité* may be understood as a civic religion (e.g., Casanova). In general, we are witnessing a re-emergence of religion in the public domain. Religion has a new position in the public sphere, struggling for recognition alongside other groups. Empirical studies demonstrate the sustaining influence of religion on voting in 'secular' countries, an open attitude towards religious-spiritual beliefs and practices in business organizations and the production and consumption of religious symbols and images in popular culture. The role of media is pivotal here: it has made new forms of power emerge, but also simultaneously opened the way for activist practices aimed at visibility. So on the one hand, television, radio and newspapers socially construct the public-political discourse on Muslims, the alleged dangers of Islam and religious-ethical issues concerning circumcision, vaccinations, abortion and ritual slaughter. On the other hand, in the struggle for recognition and visibility, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hinduists, new religious movements, and spiritual groups, appropriate the internet and (social) media as public platforms to debate the role of religion, to strengthen social cohesion and to reach out to the general public.

This return of religion in the public domain is also a socially, politically, legally and morally contested issue. In a 'post-secular' society, Jurgen Habermas argued, religious groups, organizations and individuals should be included within the public sphere in the civic debate about the problems of modernity, i.e., individualism, excessive consumption and the loss of moral values. Claims like these – made in academia, politics or culture – activate secular groups like the 'new atheists' to revitalize 'rationalist' values of the Enlightenment and take on a fundamentalist position on the subject. Social conflicts are increasingly religious conflicts (e.g., Calhoun). Theoretically, developments such as these invoke substantial doubt about modern distinctions between the public and the private, the secular and religious and the profane and the sacred. They invite research on the (historical) formation of such categories – in the social sciences and modern cultures alike – and its relation to social conflict and cultural power (e.g., Assad).

Against this background, the ESA Research Network Sociology of Religion calls for papers on 'Religion in the Public Domain' for the mid-term conference in Belfast. Particularly papers are welcomed that discuss the following topics:

- Studies focusing on the modern separation of state and church, the formation of the religious and the secular and the public and the private domain in European countries and beyond.
- Studies discussing the social significance of religion and its re-emergence in the institutional and public domain, i.e., the role of Islamic, Christian or spiritual beliefs, practices and experiences in politics, voting, banking, business life etc.
- Studies focusing on the role of religious-spiritual narratives in popular culture, i.e., their meanings, commercial and commodified manifestations in books, music, film, computer games, advertising, marketing and branding.
- Studies discussing the role of the media, i.e., the way religion is framed at television, radio and in newspapers, and the appropriation and use of (social) media by religious individuals, groups and organization.
- Studies focusing on social conflicts between secular and religious groups and public debates about Islam, i.e., about integration, religious fundamentalism, terrorism, women's rights, headscarves, abortion etc.
- Studies focusing on the public value of the sociology of religion, including studies on religion and politics, religion and the welfare state, religion and human security in 'failed' states, and the significance of the study of religion to policy makers and grassroots activists.

These topics are rough guidelines; papers dealing with Religion in the Public Domain beyond other

than these outlined above are also very welcome. Furthermore we invite PhD and post-doc candidates to contribute to a poster session, including work in progress; the best poster will get a small, but nice prize.

Confirmed keynote speaker:

Prof Linda Woodhead, [Lancaster University](#), on 'How Public Religion has changed now that 'Church and State' isn't the Only Game in Town';

Prof John Brewer, [Queen's University Belfast](#), on 'The Public Value of the Sociology of Religion.';

Dr Erin Wilson, [University of Groningen](#), on 'Global Justice in a Postsecular Public Domain: Challenges and Possibilities';

Dates & Deadlines in 2014

- March 14 Submission of abstracts and online registration starts
- April 18 Submission of abstracts ends
- May 9 Acceptance of abstracts
- June 30 Early-bird registration ends
- September 3 – 5 Conference

Contact: belfast2014@esareligion.org

More info at: <http://belfast2014.esareligion.org/>

**CONTESTED MIGRATION REGIMES:
EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES AND BEYOND
MID-TERM CONFERENCE of the ESA RESEARCH NETWORK 35
“Sociology of Migration”
13th and 14th November 2014, Frankfurt am Main**

**Organiser: ESA Research Network 35 Sociology of Migration
Local Organiser: Prof. Dr. Anna Amelina, Goethe University Frankfurt,
Institute for Sociology**

**Keynotes:
Helma Lutz, Goethe University Frankfurt
Godfried Engbersen, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Anna Korteweg, University of Toronto**

After organising successful sessions at the 11th ESA Conference in Torino, the Research Network 35 “Sociology of Migration”¹ is now announcing its second mid-term conference, to be held from 13 to 14 November 2014 at Goethe University Frankfurt. Our aim is to provide a platform for those who have already met at earlier conferences to continue our discussions, and to invite other scholars to join us in this endeavour. Thematically, this conference will bring together various sociological approaches to the political regulation of migration and mobility such as the emergence of (European) migration regimes over the past decades, the discourses and practices involved, the social and cultural contexts of political regulation and the impact of migration regimes on migrants’ lives and practices. Abstracts can be submitted to esa.migration@yahoo.com by 1st April 2014 (please see below for details).

Theme of the conference

The media debates on Islamophobia and the electoral success of the far right, current refugee movements throughout Europe and recurring protests against FRONTEX are recent examples of the controversial character of migration politics in Europe. The concept of ‘*migration regime*’ provides a

¹ Please find a detailed description of Research Network 35 at http://www.europeansociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=259&Itemid=181.

helpful framework to address the contested and complex dynamics of current migration politics from a sociological perspective. It allows us to explore the interplay of political decision making, established legal frameworks, dominant discourses of belonging and institutional configurations in the political regulation of migration. Migration regimes can thus be seen as specific assemblages of institutions, political actors, legal regulations and discourses which structure social practices of geographic mobility and individual decision making.

Starting from the concept of migration regimes, our midterm conference will cover five broad issue areas:

1. Sociological diagnoses of current changes: How do sociologists assess recent changes in migration regimes and recently established political instruments such as citizenship tests and increasingly detailed immigration statistics? Are we, for example, witnessing a renaissance of guest worker regimes and the end of 'securitised' migration politics? What is the (future) role of the nation state and how far developed is the transnationalisation of migration regimes? How are the national and the supranational scales intertwined with regard to the regulation of migration? Are we witnessing the emergence of qualitatively new forms of transnational or postnational regulation – in the EU context as well as in other regions of the world? How are current migration regimes linked to racialised and gendered knowledge?

2. Political institutions and practices involved in the regulation of migration: Who are the main actors involved in the regulation of migration (political authorities, commercial companies, NGOs, protest movements, etc.)? How do different forms (state and non-state) and levels of governance (the local, national, regional, and global) play together in the regulation of migration and mobility? What role do experts (within and beyond academia) play in this regard? What role do practices and discourses in other professional fields such as media and education play for the regulation of migration and citizenship?

3. Effects on migrants' lives and practices and 'evaluation' of policies from below: In what ways are mobile individuals, families, communities and diasporas affected by migration regimes? By what means or by what 'political technologies' are mobile individuals' migration practices channelled? How do individuals navigate through the complex formal and informal arrangements? What strategies of resistance do they use and develop?

4. Links to politico-economic transformations: How are changes in the political regulation of migration linked to broader societal transformations such as the rise of neoliberalism, new industrial relations and the ongoing economic crisis? How do these societal shifts impact migration regimes? And, how do these regimes emerge on the global, transnational, national and city scales?

5. Sociological self-reflection: What implications do scientific accounts of political developments have for future research practices? What (unintended) role do sociologists play in the (re-)production of migration regimes? How can sociologists remain relevant without becoming part of the very system they criticise?

We encourage contributions on theoretical, empirical and methodological issues. Studies involving longitudinal and/or comparative analyses and contributions focusing on the European context are particularly welcome, as are papers which analyse everyday practices and strategies of action and resistance of migrants and their families.

Call for papers

The deadline for submission of abstracts (max. 200 words) and brief biographical notes is 1 April 2014. Please send your documents to esa.migration@yahoo.com. Decisions will be communicated by 30 April 2014.

Participants will be asked to submit their papers for presentations (up to 4,000 words, including references) to esa.migration@yahoo.com by 15 October 2014.

Organisation

No fees will be charged, but you will need to pay for your own travel and accommodation. Information on hotels and hostels close to the conference venue will be communicated to all participants in due course.

CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

CALL FOR PAPERS for a conference at the *Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (Austria)* on the topic

Higher education, mobility and migration in and out of Africa

Date: Thursday, June 19 - Saturday, June 21, 2014

Higher education is a central element to foster socio-economic development. It helps young people by providing them with professional qualifications, to establish themselves occupationally, and enabling them to become mobile in social and geographical terms. These issues are particularly important in Africa which is the only macro-region in the South where per capita income has declined over the last years, despite some economic growth, because of extremely high birth rates. African governments recognize the importance of education for socio-economic development and increasingly invest also in higher education. The rapid expansion of universities, especially of private institutions, however, now is increasingly difficult because of the shortage of university teachers. As a consequence, the quality of education might suffer. Also the employment of university graduates is a problem given the weak development of modern industrial and service sectors. Closely related to this is the issue of emigration of graduates (brain drain) toward Europe and America. The conference shall discuss all relevant issues concerning the development, quality, and outcomes of higher education and university teaching and research in Africa from a comparative perspective, with a specific focus on relations between Africa and Europe. Furthermore, the conference shall provide a forum for both African and European social scientists in order to exchange relevant research findings across continents.

Possible topics for presentations/ sessions

- Higher educational opportunities (by gender, social class, regions)
- Regional inequalities in higher education, national planning of higher education
- Occupational and professional higher education
- Curricula in arts and humanities
- Quality of higher education teaching and research, language of university teaching
- Cooperation between African and European institutions of higher education
- Employment and unemployment, and occupational careers of graduates
- Mobility of graduates within their countries and Africa
- Mobility from Africa to Europe and America, the problem of brain drain
- Exchange of teachers and students between African and European Universities
- Opportunities for European scientists, teachers and entrepreneurs in Africa
- Contribution of university education to civic attitudes and behavior of students
- Entrepreneurship and self-employment of graduates
- Africa as a field for teaching and research for European academics
- Research facilities and management of research
- Government and the financing of universities, public vs. private institutions
- Religious institutions of higher education (Christian, Muslim Universities)
- Relations between universities and the public sphere

Organizers

Prof. Max Haller, Dr. Bernadette Müller, Department of Sociology, University of Graz, and Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

Vice-Rector Prof. Heinz Fassmann, Department of Geography and Regional Research, University of Vienna and Institute for Urban and Regional Research/Austrian Academy of Sciences,

Prof. Wolfgang Lutz, Dr. Anne Goujon, Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, Vienna Institute of Demography/Austrian Academy of Sciences

Paper submission:

Please submit by February 15 an abstract (200 – 400 words) and a short Curriculum Vitae + list of publications to Max.Haller@uni.graz.at and to bermuell@wu.ac.at. Tel. (+43) (0)316 380 3541; Fax (+43) (0) 316 380 9515. The organizers will notify all authors by end of February. Full papers (first drafts) should be submitted by June 7. We envisage after scientific review to publish selected contributions in a conference publication.

For participants from Africa, the organizers can bear the costs for accommodation and contribute to travel costs.

**The International Contemporary Ethnography Across the Disciplines Hui
2014 'Sensual Landscapes of Ethnography'**

26 - 28 November 2014

Special interest day with pre conference workshops 25 November 2014
www.cead.org.nz

Call for Abstracts OPEN

Deadline 31 May 2014

Researchers and practitioners from across the disciplines of performance and arts, law, anthropology, education, geography, health, management, business, psychology, sociology, cultural, and ethnic and gender studies - and any other discipline where ethnography advances scholarship and public understanding of the way groups and individuals interact and live their lives into being - are invited to submit papers, posters, creative research sessions, and pre-set thematic sessions.

There are three major content strands of themes for the CEAD hui:

Emerging Methods: Traditional, Experimental, Transgressive Forms
Praxis and Advocacy: Doing Ethnography on the Ground
Social Justice and Transformation: Theoretical Ethnographic Visions

Contemporary Ethnography Across the Disciplines (CEAD)
University of Waikato, Hamilton, NZ
www.cead.org.nz
www.flowevents.co.nz

Call for Papers

Race/Ethnicity Network of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)

Dear Colleagues,

We serve as co-chairs of the Race/Ethnicity section for the Social Science History Association (SSHA). The meeting is scheduled to take place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada from November 6-9. Our theme this year is "Inequalities: Politics, Policy, and the Past."

Our main goal is to structure sessions so that they explicitly draw on an interdisciplinary group of scholars who hail from different institutions. The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 14th, 2013. Note, all SSHA requires to submit at this point is an abstract. You can find more information at: <http://www.ssha.org/>, including the Call for Papers.

We are hoping to put together a number of sessions related to the conference site and date that were discussed at the planning meeting:

Canadian-Focused Political/Policy Issues

- Comparative Multiculturalism and Affirmative Action
Particularly in Canada - Indigenous/First Nations vs. French vs. English
- Racial Classifications - Historic and Contemporary
Canadian categories in the past and how they are understood today

Historical Anniversaries of Political/Policy Issues

- Haitian Revolution (1814)
- The Treaty of Berlin (1884-5) and the Partitioning of Africa
- Peruvian War of Independence (1824)
- Taiping Rebellion (1864)
- Beginning of WWI (1914)
- U.S. GI Bill (1944)
- Civil Rights Act (1964)

Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Political/Policy Issues

- Mass Incarceration
- Histories of Interracial Relationships
- Capitalism and Racial/Ethnic Niche Economies
- Comparative Policies on Race/Ethnicity across Americas
- Higher Education (possibly with Affirmative Action)
- Race and Health
- Race and sexuality
- Chicano moratorium

Politics/Policy and Migrations/Immigrations

- Racialization of Refugees
- The Underground Railroad
- Race and the State: Technologies of Governance
- Diverse Cities
- Citizenship and Racism
- African American Migration to Canada, during and following the American Revolution
- Diasporas of Different Kinds
- Race and Migration, including Internal Migration
- Maroons, Maroonage & Rural Black Communities

General Topics on Race/Ethnicity, Politics, and Policy

- Racial Classifications - Historic and Contemporary
Brazil (adoption of affirmative action style policies & politics and categories mobilized)
Mexico (how they have changed over time)

- Comparison with the Canadian case (see above)
- Race and Radical Social Movements
 - Black Radical Politics and Political Formations
 - Diverse cities
 - The Muslim Experience(s), Racialization of Muslims
 - Race, the Environment, and Sustainability

Note that any of these could also be roundtables, which serve to promote discussion and sharing ideas a bit more than traditional paper sessions.

You are welcome to submit papers regarding any of these topics, or on a topic relating to your own research. If you would be interested in putting together an entire session, let us know and we would be happy to provide you with details as to how to do this. Feel free to forward this call widely, particularly to graduate students (there is funding available for graduate students to travel to the conference which can be found at <http://www.ssha.org/grants>).

Finally, please feel free to check our Facebook page, which you can find by searching for "Race/Ethnicity Network - Social Science History Association" or by following the link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/RaceEthnicity-Network-Social-Science-History-Association/113130038802365>

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact us via email.

Sincerely,
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Call for Papers

Conference: The Welfare State in Portugal in the age of austerity

Deadline extended: 8th February for abstract submission

ISEG, 9th - 10th May 2014

What is the role of the Welfare State in a time of economic crisis, fiscal austerity and social problems?

This conference, organized by the University of Lisbon, aims to stimulate academic discussion on the present and future of the welfare state in Portugal. It is expected to be a meeting of academics, who are dedicated to the study of social policy across of spectrum of different scientific disciplines.

It will promote interdisciplinary academic discussion on the transformation of the welfare state in Portugal, in a time of financial austerity, economic crisis and rising social risks.

CONFERENCE THEMES

- Reforming Southern European Welfare States Under Austerity
- Migration and Mobility of high-skilled professionals
- Active ageing, citizenship, Welfare State and crisis
- Inequalities, poverty and social exclusion

- The housing crisis in European peripheral countries
- Southern Europe: Interrupted convergence
- The impact of recession and austerity on child poverty and child well-being
- Welfare and health in later life
- Social Assistance and the role of social work
- Welfare systems in the context of the EU: a Reform of the Pension System

We encourage professors, students, researchers and practitioners involved in the studies of these topics to participate. We welcome contributions from different scientific areas, making use of diverse sources and addressing these themes from a range of methodological and comparative perspectives.

Official conference language: English

Call for Papers

The conference organizing committee invites expressions of interest from colleagues interested in presenting a paper at this conference in one of the conference streams above.

Deadline: 8th February 2014

Registration

Registration for the Conference opens on 1st March 2014.

Registration Fee

Before 31st March: 100€

After 1st April: 150€

Masters & PhD students are eligible for a 50% discount on price registration.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Second Annual International Symposium on Comparative Sciences (ISCS 2014)

Organized by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BCES)

Sofia, Bulgaria, 7-10 October 2014

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the Second Annual International Symposium on Comparative Sciences in Sofia, Bulgaria, 7 - 10 October 2014. Held in Sofia – the second oldest city in Europe with a rich history and warm hospitality - this year's program will include exciting presentations, roundtables, and a range of events that will highlight the comparative theme of the symposium and fully engage everyone participating. This symposium will highlight cutting edge scholarship on comparative methods and research in and across disciplines and fields in the social sciences, education, legal studies, language, culture, society and more, including Comparative Anthropology, Comparative Civilization Studies, Comparative Education, Comparative History, Comparative Labor Studies, Comparative Law, Comparative Linguistics, Comparative Literature, Comparative Mythology, Comparative Psychology, Comparative Religion, Comparative Sociology.

The Symposium has 3 sections:

Section 1: Society, School, History

Section 2: Legislation, Labor, Business

Section 3: Civilization, Culture, Language

Cross-sectional roundtables will be organized as well on themes proposed by participants. The paper proposal submission deadline is 30 June 2014. The registration deadline is 15 July 2014.

For more information please visit the Symposium website: <http://comparativescience.org/>

Hope to see you in Sofia in October 2014.

Yours sincerely

Prof. Dr.habil. Nikolay Popov and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alexander W. Wiseman
Symposium Chairs

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue of

Contemporary Social Science

The Self in Contemporary Social Science

Exploring the self is one of most complex and difficult theoretical and methodological riddles in contemporary social science. Some scholars promote the idea that the self is a social, cultural or relational construct, or relate it to personality, subjectivity, memory, consciousness or conscious experience. Some others define it in terms of the brain, or theorise it as a product of the genome. Recent developments generate a fascinating focus for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary social science research.

This special issue calls for papers that address the relevance and impact of the self, including the cyberself, within contemporary social science and thought, with particular emphasis upon its relational understanding. We welcome original articles, including qualitative and quantitative studies dealing with the any aspects of the self and its dynamic formation, from any disciplinary perspective. Soundly empirically based studies are preferred, although high quality scholarly essays will also be considered.

Manuscripts should follow the usual format for submission of papers to *Contemporary Social Science* as indicated in Instructions for Authors at:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=rsoc21&page=instructions#.UrcjWjeDHFw>

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OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Abstracts

International Social-Sciences Post-Graduate Conference:

'Access and Opportunity in the Social Sciences'

Department of Sociology, University of York, UK

April 28th 2014

Keynote speakers include Professor John Urry

Bursaries available

This conference aims to bring together early career researchers from across the social sciences whose work examines the extent to which access and opportunity in various cultural, social, political, national and international spheres is limited by issues of inequality and privilege. As the UK and Europe edge out of economic stagnancy, combined with the drastic retrenchment of the state and popular unpopularity of politics and business, the question of a 'recovery for whom?' pervades our political discourse. As such we propose the following themes:

- Access and opportunity to the state - health, justice and political systems
- Access and opportunity in culture and the arts - regulation/management of culture and cultural spaces
- Access and opportunity in research practice - methodological concerns and questions

However potential abstracts are not limited to above mentioned. Our conference aims to gather PhD students/early career researchers from a variety of disciplines to enhance our knowledge by looking at 'access and opportunity' from different angles. As such we will be offering a number of competitive bursaries for unfunded students, who submit an abstract, to assist with travel and accommodation costs.

Bursaries- are competitive based on the quality of abstracts. This funding is limited to £100 for domestic (UK) students and £200 from outside the UK (additional funding will be considered on a case by case basis). please apply via [this form](#).

Registration - places are extremely limited. Please register as soon as possible at:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/about/news-and-events/department/2014/accessandopportunitypgconference/#tab-1>

Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words from PhD students and must be received by 5pm Friday 21st March. Send by attachment to an email to Piotr Maron (pm832@york.ac.uk).

Call for Applications
International Master in Comparative Social Research
National Research University Higher School of Economics

Dear colleagues and friends,

we are delighted to announce the founding of a new master degree program in sociology, the International Master in Comparative Social Research, at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (NRU-HSE).

The program is geared toward ambitious students wishing to build careers as sociologists in academia and research institutions.

This academic-track master program will begin in September of 2014 and has the following features:

- + Training in comparative sociological methods, theory, and in academic publishing.
- + Spend the first semester studying in Moscow, the second semester in St. Petersburg, the third semester conducting a research internship with international partners, and the final semester with an advisor, affiliated with a research laboratory.
- + World-renowned scholars and partner institutions. Prof. Ronald Inglehart is the program's scientific supervisor.
- + Stipends and tuition waivers are available for top students.

International and Russian students with a BA degree, 'specialist' degree, or BA students graduating in 2014, from neighboring disciplinary backgrounds and sociology, are welcome to apply. Applications may be submitted from March 1st through May 31st. However, candidates are encouraged to apply early during this window, and early applications may be eligible for 'early decision' admission to the program.

Students from CIS countries and the Baltic states may apply for the program through the NRU-HSE's 'Olympiad,' with a deadline of February 14th.

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